



Indigenous-led solutions

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I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on today, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people.

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“Being a young Indigenous person, I strongly believe that culture and identity are imperative for us to grow and develop as healthy young people.”

Justice King, Waayni woman and winner of the 2016 Young Achiever Award, Queensland



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Human Rights Context

- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Committee for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (and see General Comment #10)



Australian Govt Evidence



The Justice Equation, Artwork from the ALRC Pathways to Justice report

E.g. Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody; Doing Time, Time for Doing; Senate Inquiry into Justice Reinvestment; NT Royal Commission & ALRC Pathways to Justice ...

The need for a Justice Reinvestment Body

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Preventing Reoffending

- The goal of the juvenile justice system should be to prevent children from repeat offending, not to punish them, however
- 82% of those released returned to the justice system within 12 months
- Whereas only 50% of those released from community based supervision returned within 12 months (AHIW)
- See CRC General Comment number 10 recs re prevention of juvenile delinquency - including about providing appropriate guidance for families and community leaders in prevention programs
- NB data not reliable - standardised data collection recommended CRC10



Balunu (Darwin, NT)

- Indigenous owned and led
- Healing camps
- Suicide prevention
- Long term support of children and families
- For more info see [NTRC report](#)



Image of David is an ABC image

Bushmob (Central Australia)

- 20 bed residential treatment
- For kids 12-25 years
- Long term multiple entry and exit program
- Substance abuse & crime
- Case management - wrap around care (mental and physical health) for children and families
- Developed by Alice Springs families & young people
- [See BuzzFeed article](#)



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Red Dust Healing (FNQ)

- Program for Indigenous men & families
- 3-4 days followed by case plans
- More than 14,000 have participated
- Understanding rejection, grief and loss
- Addressing life-long abuse, violence and neglect
- Puts people in place of victim & perpetrator
- For more info see [Amnesty webpage](#)



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